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NOTED CANADIAN AUTHOR WRITES ON GREAT BRITAIN'S AWAKENING

Ralph Connor Says Asquith
Sacrificed Himself in Cab-
inet Change

Charles W. Gordon, the noted author who writes under the pen-name of Ralph Connor, in a letter to the Toronto Globe has this to say regarding Great Britain's awakening to the serious phase of the war:

Every one has been dutifully saying that this war is a serious business, but no man living, not even Kitchener himself, knew till three months ago just how serious it was. Kitchener knows now. Asquith knows. Lloyd George leaders of Britain and the labor leaders of Britains and the labor unions know just how serious, how deadly serious, this war is.

And on London streets and in London offices, in the drawing rooms and at week-ends men are asking each other in whispers questions they would not dare to ask aloud, and are getting answers that give a queer feeling at their British hearts.

A serious business indeed is this war. The issue of it, the cheerful and irresponsible optimist, with his eye on the past, when wars were waged by men and not by machines and when valor not explosives won fights, declares to be assured. Only one issue is possible—victory for our arms. A pleasant man, this cheerful optimist, till you notice that his eye is upon the back trail or in the clouds. When you know him you damn him for a misleading fool.

No Hope for Victory Unless There
is a Radical Change.

Every man in the empire that ought to be listened to sees no hope of victory, absolutely none, and little hope of even a drawn battle, unless conditions be changed—changed so as to be utterly different from those under which the war has hitherto been waged.

The first impression one got on reaching London, about two months ago, was that the traditional British cocksureness had been shattered and had been replaced by a paralyzing sense of uncertainty. You caught it everywhere, on the streets, in the hotels, at dinners, in the House of Commons and in the press—even in the press. It was not so much what people said, but what they refused to say. Up to this time the call had been for men, men and more men. Now to the nation's ears came a new cry: "Munitions, munitions, and more munitions." That "wonder-working little Weasel" was on to his job.

One question still remains to be answered: What is to be the issue of this serious war? The answer is plain, so plain that even the erstwhile cheerful optimist can see it. And the answer is this:

The Issue is Defeat.

If the change in conditions so splendidly initiated be not continued and with ever-increasing acceleration, the issue is: DEFEAT.

What then is the immediate duty of Canadians? To raise large sums of money? Not so much. Old John Bull may be safely trusted to look after the financing of this war. But for Canada two things lie to her hand. Listen to the insistent iteration of Lloyd George: "Munitions and machine guns, munitions and machine guns, munitions and machine guns."

Where British soldiers have two machine guns Germans have 40. Shells spent with prodigality—wasted—mean battalions saved. We have tried fighting machine guns with men, and have learned our bitter lesson.

Seriously, soberly, solemnly, let it be said that unless the empire can furnish, in overwhelming quantities, munitions of war, and in overwhelming numbers men of war, the bitterness and humiliation of defeat will be our portion, and the shame and misery of an infamous and tyrannous militarism will be the portion of our children.

The Rude Awakening of the English People.

But everybody, when by himself, refused to cheer up. He was mostly enraged during those lonely moments in blaming in his own particular way, something or somebody, and not the Germans either, but very largely those in the War Office.

What was wrong? The fact was simply this: That the British people were standing and looking with newly-opened eyes at the spectre of defeat looming up through the channel mists; a spectre unlike the tradition spec-

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